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Student voters approve fee for UC renovations

By Emily Stevens
Editor in Chief

Students approved a new fee of up to \$100 to help renovate the University Center in a 343-201 vote held Tuesday and Wednesday.

According to official results released Thursday, students at the Palestine and Longview campuses defeated the measure by vote of 41-4 and 23-3, respectively.

However, students at the Tyler campus favored the fee by a 336-137 margin.

The 544 total student voters represent 10.2 percent of the 5,308 students enrolled this semester, giving this referendum the largest voter turnout since March 2000 when 8 percent of

students voted to approve the recreational facility fee.

In a memorandum released Thursday, dean of students Dr. Howard Patterson said the fee would begin "at some point in the future" and be "adjustable for inflation."

However, in a March 23 interview Patterson told the *Patriot Talon* the renovations could begin and the fee could be collected as early as the spring of 2006, but would most likely be the fall of 2006.

Patterson said an exact fee amount is pending whether the state legislature approves a tuition revenue bond proposal asking for \$7 million for the renovations.

He said the revenue generated from the student fee, along with

funding from tuition revenue bonds, would be used to begin the first phase of renovation plans — dining.

He also said the first-phase renovation plans include creating space for five to seven additional food vendors and additional dining space, and should take about 18 months to complete.

Dr. Dale Lunsford, vice president for student affairs and external relations, said the renovation would be done in phases so the building will not have to close.

Patterson said the first phase would be dining options because it is the most immediate need due to growing enrollment, the completion of the residence hall — which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2006, and complaints about lack of choices on campus.

Patterson said some advantages of the renovations include additional on-campus employment opportunities for students, more student life programming, and abundant meeting space.

He said he wished the fee did not have to be "so high," but that construction costs were high regardless of enrollment figures.

"The purpose is to give students what almost every other campus in Texas has, a true student center. Right now the building is so multi-purpose; with a true student center we could really do what we want to do," Patterson said.

"Unfortunately, like almost every other campus, students will have to chip in."

Renovations planned for later phases include the expansion of

University Center Renovation Referendum Results

<u>Campus</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Tyler	336	137
Longview	3	23
Palestine	4	41
Total - 544	343	201

the campus bookstore, additional game rooms and meeting spaces, as well as expanding the student services office.

Because a majority of voting students approved the fee, the legislature may consider a bill that would allow the University of Texas System Board of Regents to assess the fee.

Patterson said the \$7 million officials requested from the legislature would be insufficient to fund the entire project — which is estimated to cost \$14 million,

and the fee would have to be assessed before renovations began to help with costs.

If both houses of the legislature approve the proposed bill and the governor signs the bill, the board of regents can approve collection of the fee.

The March 200 recreational facility fee vote was the last fee requiring student approval.

Officials began collecting the \$40 fee in the fall of 2003 when the Louise Herrington Patriot Center was completed.

DANCE TO THE MUSIC



Closure signage sparks controversy on campus

By Emily Stevens
Editor in Chief

University officials admitted they improperly attributed last month's theater closure to the Texas fire marshal, but said they closed the theater out of

She recommended the theater be closed to audiences.

Dr. Donna Dickerson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Barbara O'Keefe, director of environmental health and safety, and Dr. Richard Osburn, provost and vice president for

students.

"We've had a real problem with students disregarding signs around campus. We've had to ask them to leave every construction site on campus, and they've even climbed fences. We just wanted students to stay out," she said.

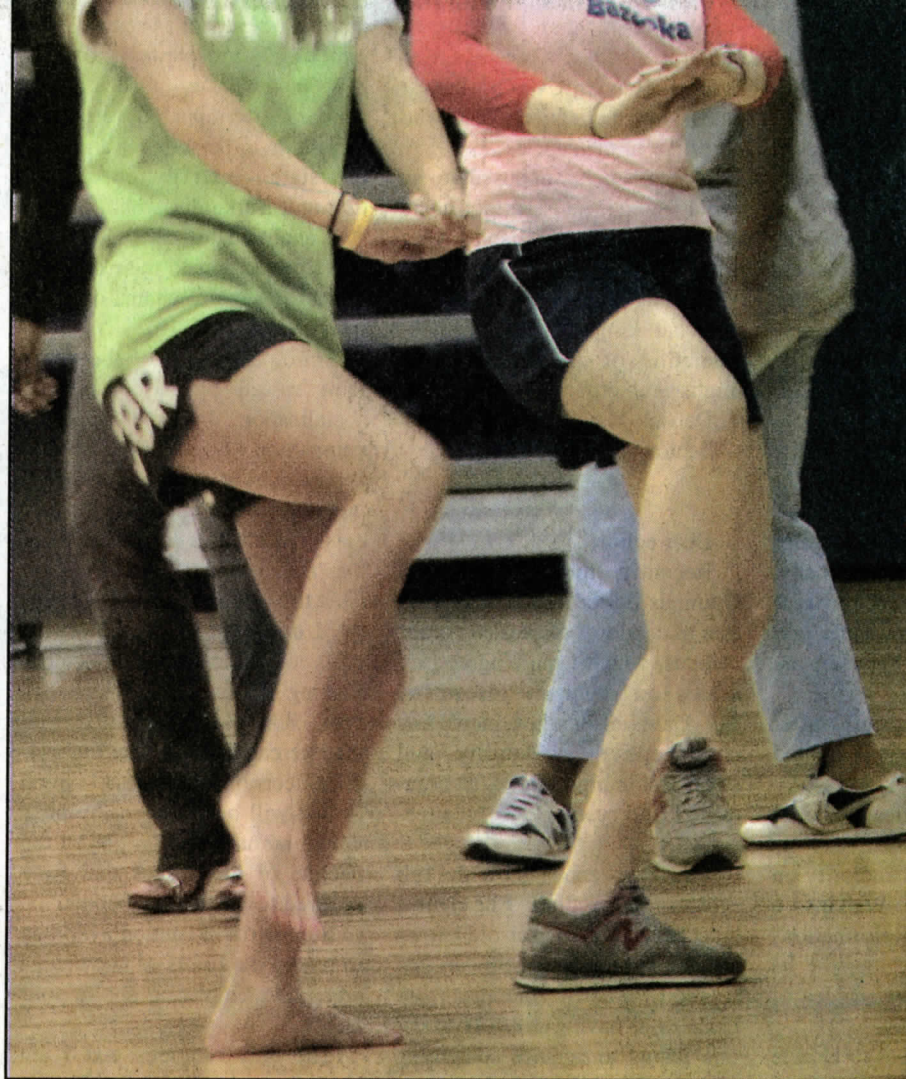


Photo By Jeff Mills

Jessica Terry, left, teaches a dance routine to Sarah Maxwell, right, during the second dance team tryouts held Thursday in the Louise Herrington Patriot Center gymnasium.

Smoking policy change effective immediately

By Emily Stevens

Editor in Chief

Beginning immediately, smokers will have to remain 25 feet away from doors due to the implementation of campus smoking policy revisions.

University officials announced the revisions' implementation on Wednesday.

The new policy prohibits smoking within 25 feet of building entrances and air handler intakes, whereas the previous policy only prohibited smoking inside buildings on campus.

The revised policy also states "the only possible exceptions are student residential facilities where policies will be established by management, and athletic venues where smoking may be permitted outside of the

stands."

Vice president for business affairs Jim Ferguson said officials expect voluntary compliance with the new policy.

He said people who don't voluntarily comply could face disciplinary action, and University police could be asked to intervene if necessary.

Despite the availability of these additional enforcement avenues, Ferguson said he doubts they will need to be used.

He also said officials won't post signs or create markers designating the 25 feet because they "don't want campus clutter."

"It's an approximate number. We'll start without marking locations and posting signs, and see how it goes. We want people

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after closure to the Texas fire marshal, but said they closed the theater out of concern for students' safety.

Theater students and department faculty members, who were at a competition in Arkansas at the time, still question the timing and motive behind the closure.

Susan Jarvis, an inspector with the state fire marshal's office, was on campus Feb. 22-25, and found violations throughout the campus.

According to her preliminary report, obtained through the Texas Public Information Act, the most prevalent violations on campus include overloaded surge protectors, too many linked extension cord, doors being blocked or propped open, and improper storage.

The violations noted in the Health and Kinesiology Building, which houses The Theatre, included blocked exits, sprinklers blocked by materials stacked to the ceiling, electrical concerns and excessive fire load from stored lumber.

health and safety, and Dr. Richard Osburn, provost and vice president for academic affairs agreed that because the area was unsafe for an audience, it also had to be unsafe for students, faculty, and staff as well.

Dickerson said she ordered the closure for that reason, and asked O'Keeffe to post a sign.

Dickerson said she did not tell O'Keeffe how the sign should be worded.

O'Keeffe admitted she improperly worded the sign and said when she found out there was a difference in an "order" to close and a "recommendation," she changed the sign to say "closed for repairs."

She said the difference between a recommendation and an order is that recommendations are only made when a proactive approach is taken to resolve the violations.

She also said one reason she worded the first sign the way she did was to stress the importance of the closure to

they've even climbed fences. We just wanted students to stay out," she said.

Theater students and faculty discovered the closure after returning from Arkansas, and said they view the closure while they were gone as an attempt to hinder the department's success.

"From my personal experience, it seems like the administration does not want us to have a good program...it seems like the administration is playing pranks, and I see no motive," freshman Philip Thompson said.

One theater student filed a complaint with Dickerson regarding the motive behind the closure, and another complained to the University of Texas System Board of Regents.

The changing of the signs also caused some theater students and department faculty members to believe administrators were lying.

"The truth would have been plenty at the time, but instead they tried to

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Board names Graham, Davis student newspaper leadership

By Emily Stevens

Editor in Chief

Members of the University's Student Media Advisory Board selected senior journalism major Adrienne Graham to fill the *Patriot Talon's* editor in chief position for the 2005-2006 school year.

Following the March 24 meeting, members also named freshman history major Sara Davis to fill the

associate editor post.

Board chairman Dr. Roger Conaway said board members are looking forward to the coming year.

"The board believes Ms. Graham has the knowledge and creativity to uphold the *Talon's* tradition of excellence," Conaway said.

As editor in chief, Graham will be responsible for the production and distribution of the student news-

paper, as well as supervising a staff of about 15 students.

As associate editor, Davis will assist Graham in the publication's daily operations.

Graham and Davis said they plan to add more entertainment aspects, such as short stories and improved horoscopes, to the newspaper when they take office.

Prior to the announcement, Graham served as advertising manager and entertainment editor for the *Talon*. She said she applied for the editor in chief position to gain skills to help her career and to "contribute to the voice of the campus."

"I think the paper reflects a little bit of what every editor has put into it. I'm thrilled that I will have the chance to add my own contributions," Graham said.

Davis also has experience on the *Talon* staff, serving as opinions editor and circulation manager. Davis said she

is anxious to gain journalistic experience, and applied because she wanted to "take on part of the responsibility of putting out an excellent paper."

"I'm extremely excited about working closely with Adrienne so that we can maintain, and hopefully surpass, the expectations that the campus holds for the *Talon*," she said.

Following her tenure as editor in chief, Graham said she hopes to become involved in the public relations aspect of journalism. Davis said her future goals include working in magazine in layout and feature writing, as well as "to hopefully become editor in chief" of the *Talon*.

The *Patriot Talon* publishes about six times each semester and distributes 2,250 copies to the University's Tyler, Longview, and Palestine campuses.



Staff Photo

Sara Davis, left, was named associate editor, and Adrienne Graham, right, was named editor in chief on March 24.

Students debate over Shiavo "right to die" case

Family matter unnecessarily thrust into national limelight

Implications of woman's death predict decline of moral society

You may call me callous, you may say that I am condoning murder, but I am glad that Terri Shiavo was allowed to die.

The poor woman had been kept alive artificially since the early 90s, when she suffered massive brain damage that left her in a vegetative state. And for more than 15 years, Shiavo's parents fought tooth and nail to keep their daughter alive.

Did they ever really consider whether their daughter would want to be kept in a lifeless shell—unable to talk or move or recognize anyone?

Let's look over the fact that Michael Shiavo has illegitimate children and a common law wife.

Let's look over the fact that Shiavo's parents were so eager to keep her alive that they were willing to give their daughter a quadruple amputation.

Let's look at what is most important here.

What seems to me to be the most egregious error in this "case" is that it is a case at all. Shiavo's parents had no legal right to dictate what happened to their daughter. It was up to her husband, who had legal guardianship for her.

Congress infringed upon the rights of both Shiavo and her husband when they stepped in and passed a law that stepped right over their heads.

Shiavo didn't know anyone in Congress.

She never told them if something was to happen to her that she'd want to live, no matter what.

But Shiavo *did* tell her hus-



HOOPLA

SARA DAVIS

band that if something happened she would want to be allowed to die.

There are witnesses to the fact.

So, if we had the direct wishes of the person involved along with the wishes of her legal guardian, why was there any argument to begin with?

Why did they need to write a new law when there are already laws in place that work well in similar situations?

What if this kind of interference was to become the norm? What if Congress said you had to keep your spouse hooked up to machines? What if your spouse told you never to let that happen to them? Ask all the "moral reactionaries" how Terri would've felt about this.

Think for a moment—ask yourself if it is all that bad "the Shiavo case" has ended.

Would you want you wife, your daughter, or your sister to be remembered in the way Terri

will be remembered?

Terri Shiavo died on a national stage, doomed to be remembered as "the Shiavo controversy."

The really disgusting fact of this family's trauma was that it was overly publicized.

The Shiavo drama became a morally confused freak show, where the main attraction was a woman who needed to be allowed to rest in peace, just like the laws of nature and the country say she should.



I never thought I'd see the day when starving a person was not only done, but endorsed by the judiciary.

I was shocked when I learned I was in the minority. A recent poll revealed that more than half of Americans believed Terri Schiavo should've been allowed to "die with dignity."

There was nothing dignified about allowing Schiavo to starve to death.

When Congress got involved, opponents criticized their actions and claimed the government had no right to interfere in a "personal family matter."

Since when did the calculated slaughter of another human become intimate?

While listening to the conflicting opinions on this

issue, I found myself faced with more questions than answers.

Why didn't Michael Schiavo, Terri's husband, want a

brain scan performed? Why does he want her cremated immediately?

The hypocrisy and counter-productive reasoning of the judiciary is to blame. People have been sentenced to heavy prison terms for starving their animals.

Do we now find the lives of animals more valuable than those of humans?

The saddest part of the story is that everyone was eager to be a part of it. The Republicans had the opportunity to look good to their conservative power base. The Democrats kept the "right to choose" on the front burner. The husband got to fulfill what he perceived as his wife's last wishes.

For Schiavo, though, the story has ended.

Disregard the fanfare and the endless pontificating on medical ethics and legal realities.

Consider, instead, the implications for the future of our country. If the law can allow the starvation of Schiavo, where does it all end? Someone must eventually stand up and say, "We have gone too far!"

This is a country infested with the idea of convenience. It was more convenient for Mr. Schiavo to let his wife starve. If Schiavo was inconvenient, how long will it be before others are found to be the same?

This trend toward euthanasia is spookily similar to Hitler's Final Solution.

It's fine if I'm called a moralist reactionary. It's fine if I'm labeled as paranoid and unprogressive.

I know this much. There is no way to justify or even put a positive spin on starving Schiavo to death.

For those who believe it is normal and decent to end someone's life in a cruel and unusual manner, consider the future. What happens to your loved one when they are determined to be unworthy of life?

Worse yet, what will happen to you?



FINE PRINT

JEREMY LIGHT

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor: the discussion of creation whatso- mic trick on mankind is woefully article written solely for the pur- If she wanted to find scientists Secondly, our freedom is

Dear editor:

A response to "Theory of divine deceit breeds hypocrisy." As I read the article I was truly amazed at the depth of her ignorance and willingness to put forth assertions for which there is no support.

To begin with the question of bellybuttons has no bearing on

the discussion of creation whatsoever. From the biblical account, God created Adam from the dust of the ground and later formed Eve from Adam's rib. There certainly would have been no reason for a bellybutton. Just because Ms. Davis found a few creationists to aver the existence of such as God playing some type of cosmic

trick on mankind is woefully short of proof that such actually happened.

Her affirmation that if Adam and Eve didn't have bellybuttons they would fail to be the perfect human specimens is interesting. She is implying that a failure to have a bellybutton translates into some sort of shortcoming on their part. If God created Adam and Eve (Bible affirms he did), then they certainly were perfect (with or without a hole in their abdomen).

Then she runs to Darwin as the bearer of light on the question of origins. Her assertion that Creationists had to come up with a response to the seemingly overwhelming evidence against their beliefs is totally lacking in veracity. Darwin's theory is not true. In fact everything we KNOW in the realm of science supports the Creationists explanation of the existence of life, not Darwin's evolutionary concept. Space prohibits more, but I close with the words of Jesus in Matthew 19:4, "...he that made them at the beginning made them male and female." All other things aside, Jesus affirmed the biblical account-not some cosmic accident that led to all we currently see.

Miguel Luz
Texas State graduate student

Dear editor:
I was disappointed to find an

article written solely for the purpose of ridiculing Christians and other who believe in an Intelligent Design of the universe.

Ms. Davis opines about whether Adam and Eve had bellybuttons. It's pretty simple. No, they didn't—no umbilical cord. Ms. Davis asserts the lack of a bellybutton would make Adam and Eve imperfect human specimens. Wrong. Everyone since Adam and Eve has been an imperfect specimen, with a bellybutton.

The belly button is just another imperfection.

The Bible also describes Christ as being "perfect and without sin."

Adam and Eve were physically perfect. Christ was spiritually, taking on the imperfect physical body. The distinction is clear, and there is no conflict between the two.

Not such "heavy stuff" after all, if a little basic logic is applied to the question.

A small but significant error is that Ms. Davis seems to view the Pope as the ultimate authority on Christian belief. Perhaps a Google search for "Reformation" and "Martin Luther" would be sufficient to give her an idea of how far off base she is.

Ms. Davis continues to belittle the concept of intelligent design in the broadest and vaguest terms possible.

The only mention given to any scientific thought on the subject is 200 years old with no references.

If she wanted to find scientists who believed in a creator, she should start with Sir Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein, or Stephen Hawking; but an honest analysis of the subject wasn't the objective of the article.

Journalism is supposed to be about finding the truth, not using the printed page to display your own ignorance and prejudice. Ms. Davis seems to have forgotten what her job is. Serious consideration of another endeavor might be in order.

Derrick Mayfield
Senior, technology major

Dear editor:

Recently, the Patriot Talon Opinions Editor discussed a reaction to condoms dispensed on our campus, which I quite agree presented no problem. However, Ms. Davis also urged increasing contraceptive availability and education in high school, an argument I find baseless for three reasons.

First, we cannot know the full effects of our actions. She claims, "just because a 16 year-old knows about condoms doesn't mean that it will greatly increase her chances of having sex." If someone learns to acquire something s/he wants with less risk (potential costs) then s/he will attain more, entailing societal consequences; such as an increase in emotionally scarred minors and the birthrate.

Secondly, our freedom is threatened by state action altering personal behavior, because free individuals' prosperity is contingent on regularity of social conventions. Rampant poverty and ineptitude in personal affairs lead to state intervention; thus, Edmund Burke discerned, people "are qualified for civil liberty, in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains on their own appetites."

Third, the cause of the problems raised by Ms. Davis is socialization. I concurred with a companion who suggested contraceptive education could be safely increased with "opt-outs" for parents. Would this lead to making the "right choice?" Yes, if we roll back the welfare state! The backward or reckless would bear the costs of their lifestyles, incentivizing opposite behavior. As Prof. F.A. Hayek revealed, "all that we can know is that the ultimate decision about what is good or bad will be made not by individual human wisdom but by the decline of the groups that have adhered to the 'wrong' beliefs."

Summarily, I caution everyone to regard the limits of knowledge when contemplating public policy.

The only religious text I am liable for upholding is the Tao Te Ching, which says: "know not-knowing: supreme!"

Corey A. Hendon
Senior, political science major

CAMPUS Voice

What is your opinion of the proposed smoking policy that would restrict smoking on campus?



BRUMSEY

Monique Brumsey

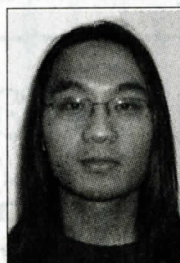
Junior, nursing major

"I think they should hurry up and do it. They should have done it last year. I agree with the no smoking policy."

Jesse Florendo

Junior, undecided major

"I think it's a good compromise because I know the campus is composed of a lot of non-smokers. As long as they don't make it a non-smoking campus and keep areas for smokers."



FLORENDO



KAISER

Elizabeth Kaiser

Sophomore, math major

"Sounds like a good idea to me. I don't like the smell of smoke and I don't smoke."

Jeremy Key

Freshman, business management major

"I don't think it's a good idea. But, I think it would be a good idea if they moved the ash trays further away from the doors"



KEY



THOMPSON

Lori Thompson

Junior, education major

"I think it would be better if people didn't smoke by the buildings."

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Campus CALENDAR

April 5

- Women's Softball vs. Louisiana College, Pineville, LA, 4 p.m.
- SGA General Meeting, ADM 301, 5 p.m.
- Men's Baseball vs. Jarvis Christian, Home, 6 p.m.
- Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship Bible Study, UC 221, 7 p.m.
- Fencing Club practice, Patriot Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 6

- Health Fair, UC Open Area, 11:30 a.m.

April 7

- Cornerstone Campus Ministry free lunch, UC 221/227, 11:30 a.m.
- Kim Harvey Livingston presentation for National Day of Silence, UC 221, 6:30 p.m.
- Fencing Club practice, Patriot Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 8

- Men's Baseball vs. Ozarks, Clarksville, AR, 2 p.m.

April 9

- Men's Baseball vs. Ozarks, Clarksville, AR, 1 p.m.
- Women's Softball vs. UTD, Dallas, 1 p.m.

April 11

- Patriot Days 2005
- Baptist Student Ministry free lunch, UC 221/227, 12 p.m.
- Women's Softball vs. Mississippi College, Home, 1 p.m.

April 12

- Patriot Days 2005
- Education Career Fair, Cowan Center Lobby, 10 a.m.
- Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship Bible Study, UC 221, 7 p.m.
- Fencing Club practice, Patriot Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 13

- Patriot Days 2005
- Career Success Seminar, UC 221/227, 12 p.m.
- Classical and Flamenco and guitar Eliot Fisk and Paco Pena, Cowan Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 14

- Patriot Days 2005
- Cornerstone Campus Ministries free lunch, UC 221/227, 11:30 a.m.
- Fencing Club practice, Patriot Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 15

- Patriot Days 2005
- Men's Baseball vs. UTD, Richardson, 2 p.m.
- Opera Verdi Europa, Cowan Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 16

- Men's Baseball vs. UTD, Richardson, 1 p.m.

April 18

- Baptist Student Ministry free lunch, UC 221/227, 12 p.m.

April 19

- Women's Softball vs. LeTourneau, Home, 4 p.m.
- SGA General Meeting, ADM 301, 5 p.m.
- Men's Baseball vs. Southwest Assemblies, Waxahachie, 6 p.m.
- 13 Ways Literature Club 'Movie Night', LIB 422, 6:30 p.m.
- Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship Bible Study, UC 221, 7 p.m.

- Fencing Club practice, Patriot Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 20

- Student Organization Presidents Council, UC 221, 12 p.m.

April 21

- Cornerstone Campus Ministries free lunch, UC 221/227, 11:30 a.m.
- Fencing Club practice, Patriot Center, 7:30 p.m.

April 23

- Student Government Day of Service, 10 a.m.
- Men's Baseball vs. LeTourneau, Home, 1 p.m.
- Women's Softball vs. ETBU, Home, 1 p.m.

April 25

- Baptist Student Ministry free lunch, UC 221/227, 12 p.m.

April 26

- Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship Bible Study, UC 221, 7 p.m.
- Fencing Club practice, Patriot Center, 7:30 p.m.

'Movement' brings culture to Tyler



Photos By Jeff Mills

Above, singer Bryant of the Elliot Project heads the show.

Below, exhibiting artist Richard Ashby chats with art student John Simmons.



By Sara Davis

Opinions Editor

On April 1 "The Movement" came to Tyler. From now on, Times Square Cinema will sponsor local bands, films, and artwork in hopes of bringing a greater sense of artistic appreciation to Tyler.

Local band Flux Minor spearheaded "The Movement". Flux Minor drummer Simon Saleh said that they are "more than a band... [they're] a movement."

This was the inspiration for the name of the event. Saleh said "The Movement" is meant to "bring together all forms of art - music, painting, and film - so that artists can express themselves freely."

Members of the University art community displayed their works in the lobby of the theater. University art student Jodi Rubbelke said she believes "The Movement" is important because "there's really no place in Tyler to get together and appreciate art."

Short film director Travis Boles echoed these sentiments. He said he believes "The Movement" is a noble thing and that it is the duty of everyone to attend or participate.

His short film, "Three in the Afternoon," is a Star Wars fan-flick. The film is just one of the many Fanboy Productions movies to come.

"Three in the Afternoon" received the notice of LucasArts' Ryan Weiber, supervisor for special effects in Star Wars video games.

Boles said Weiber saw their film and liked it so much that he re-worked all the film's special effects.

With about 60 people in attendance, Dallas band The Elliot Project kicked off the night.

The acoustic duet was followed by the pounding rock of local band Sterling. Then Flux Minor finished the event with their indie-alternative sound.

"The Movement" will return on May 6 at 11:30 p.m. with a new round of artists, another short film from Fanboy Productions, and more from Flux Minor and other local bands.

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Student Services House Fair

Screenings for:

Glucose, Blood Pressure,
HIV, Cholesterol,
BMI/ Height/ Weight,
Cancer Risk, Checklist,
ETMC mobile Mammography

(Mammogram by appointment only 8-2:30, call 531-8890)

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Heart Healthy, Got Stress??,
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Inform,
Campus Police, Campus Safety, American Cancer Society

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11:30 - 2:00

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THEATER

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increase the seriousness by attributing it to a state official, and that was untrue," associate professor of music Dr. Allen Thomas said.

Dickerson said she stands behind her decision and insists there is no conspiracy.

"The closing was done as a result of the fire marshal's report, and for no other reason. I did it after consulting with the safety officer and the provost who agreed safety was paramount. It's not a matter of retaliation, it's a matter of wanting to make sure the students who work in that theater are safe," she said.

Osburn agreed the closure was not a conspiracy, but a matter of safety.

"We would've loved to be able to have [theater] people there to answer the fire marshal's questions, but they were doing a play. We made the best decision with the situation as it was," he said.

Since the closure, Dickerson said University officials have rented storage off campus to move the excess materials to, and that she believed most of the electrical problems had been addressed.

Theater director Dr. James Hatfield said some of the lumber has been cleared out of the shop, and confirmed that some electrical citations have been attended to.

He said they plan to move materials to the off-campus storage units next week.

Violations also were noted in the physical plant, which is in the same building as the theater.

Hatfield said he did not know the status of resolving those violations, and that music program chair Dr. Jeffrey Emge is in charge of that area.

Emge did not return phone messages left by

the *Patriot Talon*.

Hatfield also said students were being allowed to enter the theater for scenery and costume construction for their upcoming production of "Beauty and the Beast."

Before the end of the semester, the theater department is scheduled to have playwriting class, children's theater, and student directors' projects in the theater.

Hatfield said Emge told him the problems should be rectified before those events.

"We have been told by Dr. Emge that we should proceed as if those events will take place in the theater," he said.

Osburn said officials want to reopen the theater "as rapidly as we can," and Dickerson said she is "hoping no productions will have to be cancelled."

Will Edmond contributed to this report.

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to stay as far away from entrances as they can to avoid clouds of smoke around doors and air handler intakes, because then it gets sucked indoors," he said.

In early March, Ferguson provided the *Patriot Talon* with a list of suggestions and comments he received regarding possible policy changes from various campus groups and individuals, the majority of which approved of designated smoking areas or a stipulated distance away from entrances.

Members of the University's nursing department said they plan to offer classes to help people quit smoking beginning April 13.

Nursing student Jillian Bandy said Dr. Ellen Remenchek, from the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, would teach the three-week course.

Bandy said the class would meet every Wednesday night for one hour, and on Wednesday and Friday during the final week.

She said the free classes will be held in the David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Building, College of Nursing and Health Science, and classes could possibly be held at the Longview and Palestine campuses if there is enough interest.

For more information call 903-566-7090.

Appreciation Week forces Day of Service move

By Karla Clark

Staff writer

Student Government Association officials opted to move the United to Serve Day of Service to April 23 during a meeting held on March 22, due a conflict with other on-campus activities and to correlate with the Administration's University Appreciation Week.

The SGA had previously set the date for April 16, but the University Appreciation Week begins April 18 and ends on April 24.

"We're trying to comply with the administration since that is the week of service," parliamentarian Jeff Hill said.

The SGA officials expect to expend between \$3,700 and \$4,500 on the Day of Service, treasurer Sean Dodd said. Originally, the office of Dr. Rodney Mabry allotted \$2,500 to the SGA to cover the expenses of the Day of Service, but between food, prizes, bounce houses, t-shirts, and advertising, more money will be necessary, Dodd said.

Organizations who have existed for six months or longer may request up to \$500 in funding for the Day of Service, and organizations that have existed for less than six months may request up to \$50. No organization has requested any funding money yet,

Dodd said.

Student development specialist Mindy Sutton said that so far, six student organizations have volunteered to work booths at the Day of Service.

During the meeting, Dustin Tallent, SGA vice president also addressed the issue of students' equal representation within the SGA when he proposed an amendment to the constitution.

The proposed amendment would allow for the election of two representatives from each on-campus housing unit or dormitory.

It would also allow for the election of five freshmen at the beginning of each fall semester,

which would provide equal representation within the largest class of the student body.

"Right now, the University Pines has representation and no other housing complex... each complex will have its own concerns and own problems — it's important for them to have a voice too," Tallent said.

Their present constitution states three to five freshmen are to be appointed by the SGA to represent their class. According to the proposed amendment, this poses a problem because freshman are appointed based on whether or not they know the current SGA members, and not based on the freshmen class' preferences.



Police Reports

Street race lethal for University freshman from Sulphur Springs

By Hannah Avent

Staff writer

Sulphur Springs Police Department officials said a University freshman died March 17 while street racing in Sulphur Springs.

Octavio Perea, a 19-year-old math major of Sulphur Springs was a 2004 graduate of Saltillo High School, where he was the salutatorian.

"He was a really good friend and roommate. He will be missed," said freshman Micah Carr, University finance major and Perea's friend.

According to a Sulphur Springs police report, Perea had been racing Joseph Paul Bennett, also of Sulphur Springs. Bennett, 19, has been charged with "racing on highway," which is classified as second degree felony.

Although the investigation into the incident continues, the police officials said they do not believe there will be any additional charges.

According to the police report, Perea was driving a 2003 Mitsubishi Galant and Bennett was driving a 1991 Acura Integra.

Police said Perea and Bennett raced down Gilmer Street in Sulphur Springs, made a right turn onto Oak Avenue where Perea lost control, slid into a utility pole, and died instantly.

Perea was declared dead at the scene at 9:45 p.m., police said.

The police also said evidence indicated the two vehicles collided at some point.

Funeral services for Perea were held at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home on March 20.

Harassment and Disturbance

• March 1 - A female UT student

reported an assault by a male suspect. The student did not pursue any action against the assailant, Officers said.

• March 10 - University Police were sent to investigate a disturbance at University Pines Apartments involving items being thrown at an apartment. Officers said there was no damage, and no action was taken against any suspects.

• March 10 - A female UT student reported someone following her to her car in Parking Lot 2. Officers report that everything checked out and no other reports have been made.

• March 11 - A call was made to University Police involving an unwanted guest on campus. The suspect was issued a criminal trespass, Officers said.

• March 23 - University Police were sent to break up a disturbance outside of University Pines Apartments building 5. Officers reported some of the suspects were issued criminal trespass citations at University Pines.

Miscellaneous

• March 2 - A Patriot Village resident was reportedly transported to the hospital by EMS after suffering from a seizure.

Theft

• March 11 - A 46" plasma television valued at \$3,808 was reported stolen from the Business Administration building. The television belonged to the University. Officers said no suspects have been named.

• March 18 - Officers reportedly seized aluminum hurdles stolen from Mexia, TX Independent School District.

• March 24 - A University Officer was reportedly sent to speak with a person about information on missing property.

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Fans show up for Halo Down

By Adrienne Graham
Entertainment Editor

Fans donning their finest chains, thickest black eyeliner, and favorite pair of knee-high army boots, gathered at the University Center Wednesday night, for a free concert given by Halo Down.

The band played a 16-song set for a diverse audience of about 50 people. Spectators ranged from 7-year-olds with goth make up, to semi-conservative, middle-aged metal fans.

Chris Bannon, guitarist and a senior computer information systems major at the University, gave a special thanks to Earnest McAllister, director of student activities, for making them the first metal band to ever play on the



Photo By Jeff Mills

Vocalist John Hobbs and guitarist Chris Bannon on stage. Halo Down also includes drummer Randall Rainwater and bassist Wolf Madore.



Photo By Jeff Mills

Audience members start a mosh pit in the UC open area. The crowd returned to normal after a University police officer asked them to stop.

campus. Enthusiastic listeners jumped up and down and even formed a mosh pit for a few minutes before a University officer broke them up.

The band frequently performs at clubs in Dallas's Deep Ellum

District and around the East Texas area, but said they wanted to let the kids who are not 18 to have a chance to see them.

They also wanted to provide a free night of stress relief to students.

After the show, the band gave

CDs to fans and signed autographs.

The band describes their music as a hybrid-metal mix.

"We have a wide variety of influences. We don't want to be labeled metal, but that's the closest way to describe it," said bass player Wolf Madore.

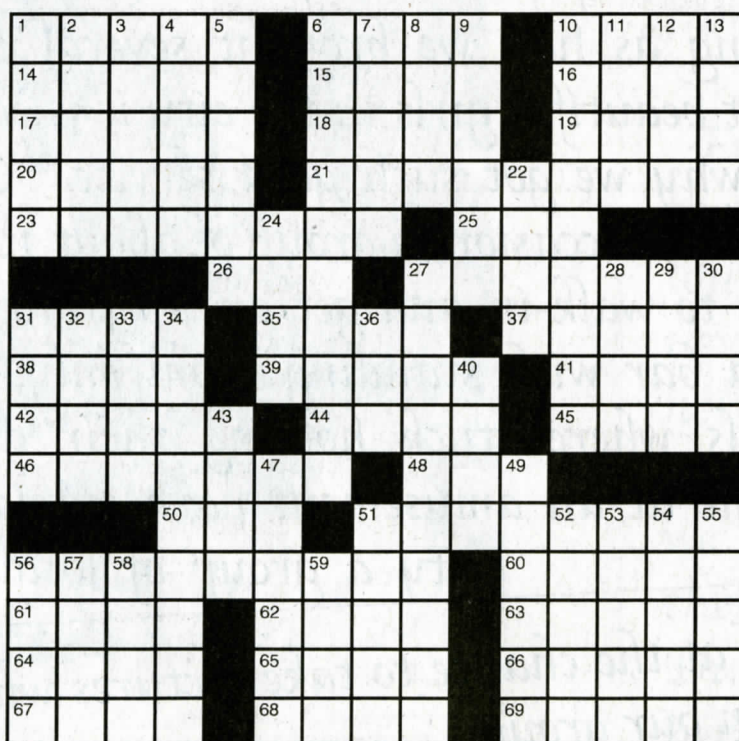
"It's a spontaneous process. We write most of our songs in less than an hour, or one of us will dream about it and then write it down," said drummer Randall Rainwater.

Risen, the band's first CD, is available through their website www.halodownmusic.com. Albino, their second album, will be available in stores in early spring, but fans can e-mail the band for a free demo copy.

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Grounds
- 6 Electrical unit
- 10 Frankenstein feature
- 14 Kofi of the U.N.
- 15 Fencing foil
- 16 Kind of stick
- 17 Unbending
- 18 Take the train
- 19 Flagon fillers
- 20 Prayer enders
- 21 No matter what happens
- 23 Moliere's hypocrite
- 25 Litigate
- 26 Luau dish
- 27 Icons
- 31 Drying powder
- 35 Delicacy
- 37 Composer Copland
- 38 Bright light?
- 39 Treble-pitched woodwinds
- 41 Hindu music form
- 42 Borge's instrument
- 44 Bound along
- 45 Feed the hogs
- 46 Unfamiliar
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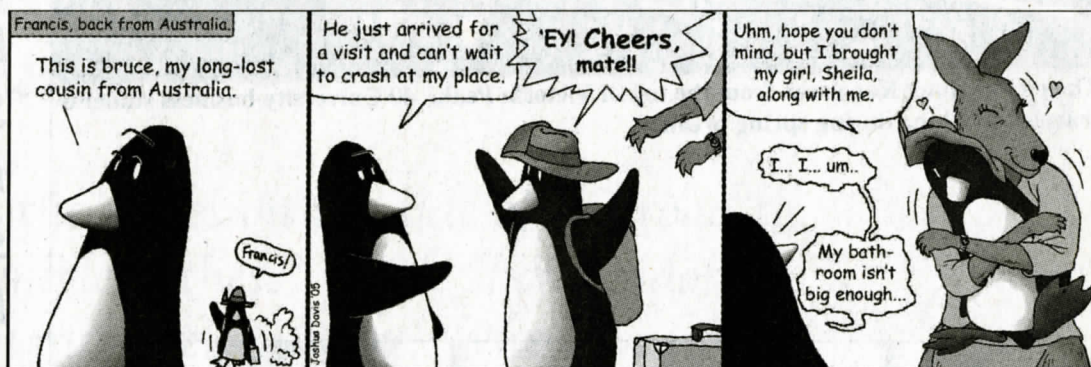
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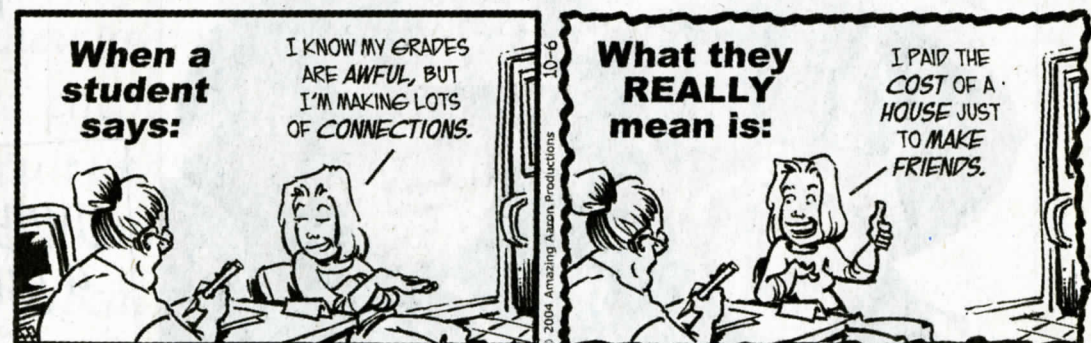
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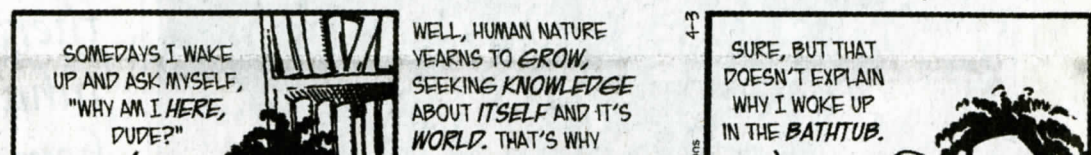
A College Girl Named Joe

By Aaron Warner



2 Dudes

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9 Itty-bitty
10 Cursor movers on keyboards
11 Drink in a can
12 Has a birthday
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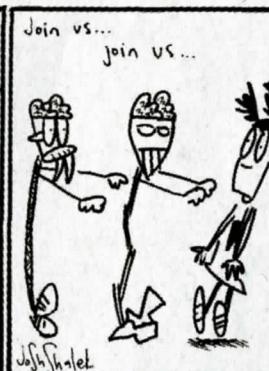
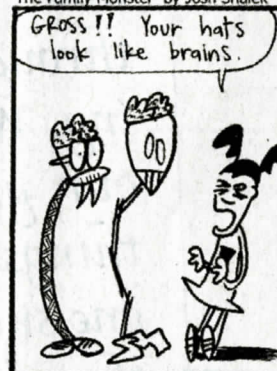
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The Family Monster by Josh Shalek



April 4-10, 2005

ARIES

(March 20-April 18)

Early this week, private workplace discussions and social criticism may be bothersome: watch for friends and colleagues to challenge your personal style or ask probing questions. Fear of abandonment or self-doubt may be a driving force: after Tuesday, expect unusual comments from long-term friends and quickly changing opinions. Friday through Sunday, rare business meetings or new financial ideas may cause tension: if possible, avoid contracts or revised paperwork.

TAURUS

(April 19-May 19)

Short-term investments or unique business proposals are favorable this week. Use this time to research new opportunities or finalize partnerships. Some Taureans, especially those born late in April, may also receive a unique financial gift from the past. Remain dedicated to established procedures and workplace relationships will progress smoothly. After Thursday, an old lover or friend may announce family or marital changes. Stay balanced: emotions may prove distracting.

GEMINI

(May 20-June 20)

Yesterday's romantic ideals and family plans will now reappear. Before mid-week, watch for loved ones to return to old habits, patterns or promises. Nostalgic moments will now initiate several months of deepening commitments: expect sensuality and intimate trust to soon be an ongoing theme. Friday through Sunday also highlight quick financial improvements or a return to outdated business ideals. In the coming weeks job and partnerships opportunities will expand: stay open.

CANCER

(June 21-July 21)

Wisdom and social guidance in the workplace are a strong theme over the next eight days. Late Monday, expect key officials to offer valuable political information. Remain cautious, however: before mid-April, legal or financial documents and the personal observations of colleagues may be riddled with costly mistakes. Thursday through Saturday, family power struggles and home changes will require added trust. Remain diplomatic: loved ones will soon reveal their feelings.



LEO

(July 22-August 22)

New work assignments and unusual social invitations will require added attention over the next few days. After Monday, expect ongoing miscommunications between colleagues. Some Leos may also experience the arrival of a new love. Passions will be strong: watch for minor social triangles. Friday through Sunday, a friend may offer financial solutions. Money restrictions will not be easily resolved: avoid new commitments.

VIRGO

(August 23-September 21)

Friends and lovers will this week request public declarations of loyalty. Before Wednesday, key relationships will deepen: expect fast romantic proposals. Late Thursday, powerful intuition is also accented: watch dreams for valuable social and romantic insights. Friday through Sunday, business tensions may escalate. Officials will not take

responsibility for faulty ideas: if possible, avoid group discussion or workplace risk.

LIBRA

(September 22-October 22)

After Monday, social questioning from loved ones will be followed by a sharp increase in romance. New emotional growth will this week demand concrete home and social plans. Take your time: accurate statements and reliable promises are now important. Later this week, a business or employment opportunity from approximately eight months ago may reappear. Don't hesitate to ask for detailed paperwork: verbal promises will be vague.

SCORPIO

(October 23-November 21)

Over the next few days, take time to listen to the private needs of close friends and lovers. Loved ones may this week wish to end a period of emotional stagnation. Single Scorpions can also expect a sudden increase in romantic attention. New relationships will, however, take time to develop: be patient. After Wednesday, a new era of financial freedom begins. Respond quickly to fresh opportunities: rewards will prove meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 22-December 20)

Early this week, colleagues may rely heavily on your ability to represent the needs of the group. Career and financial restrictions will now ease: after Tuesday, expect an improved public reputation to create new opportunities for leadership. Don't disappoint: bosses and managers will silently evaluate your progress. Late Friday, a unique social or romantic proposal arrives without warning. Someone close requires new affection: stay focused.

CAPRICORN

(December 21-January 19)

Unexpected romantic invitations are distracting over the next eight days: after Monday, watch for loved ones and potential mates to offer unique compliments. Sensuality and new flirtation will create excitement in the weeks to come: expect fast proposals and deepening passions in all key relationships. Later this week, an older family member or trusted friend may reveal unusual business or financial information. Past mistakes and lingering debt are accented: remain open.

AQUARIUS

(January 20-February 18)

Time limitations and team assignments will require diplomacy early this week. Co-workers and key officials may soon relinquish control of complex projects. Use this time for open discussion and careful workplace planning: before Thursday, group relations and private tensions will intensify. Friday through Sunday, a previously silent or emotionally distant friend may offer bold opinions. Avoid controversy, if possible: romantic or family obligations may be a central theme.

PISCES

(February 19-March 19)

Loved ones may offer valuable insights into their dreams and long-term goals this week. Areas affected are, new career paths and self-employment. Under-utilized talent will soon find an outlet: watch for fast business discussions and highly creative proposals. After Thursday, nostalgic moments are highlighted. A lover may express a deep need for new commitment. Don't hesitate: the honest expression of fear is a compliment.

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The city of Hong Kong seen from the top of Victoria Peak. 40 University business students traveled to China during spring break.

Whether it's Budweiser, jewelry or clothes, it seems that most of the models seen in the advertisements were Western women. A local told me this was the standard for beauty. There were a few Asian models but mostly for local products or stores. Seeing as how we brought several of the most beautiful girls in the city it is easy to see why we got such good service. On at least one occasion, a group of about 10 were able to walk-in and get an up-front table in a bar with standing room only, while locals were stuck holding their drinks. While at an amusement park outside the city a group of local girls

jumped at the chance to take pictures with a guy in our group.

In a city only slightly larger than Tyler there is just enough room for the 8 million inhabitants that call Hong Kong their





Residents of a walled village in Kat Hing Wai cornered students in an alley to get pictures. The ladies then informed the students that the pictures weren't free. This picture was smuggled out!

inhabitants that call Hong Kong their home. This is never more apparent than on the streets and subways. Bumping and pushing is part of their culture. Everywhere we went there was a crowd, and the local people fight their way through the crowds by bumping and pushing. What seemed strange and offensive to our group at first became one of those things we got use to and even learned. On one such occasion our group was caught in the middle of what seemed to be a never-ending indoor line at the amusement park. Before we were halfway through the exhibit our focus had shifted from the marine life on display to "how fast can we get away



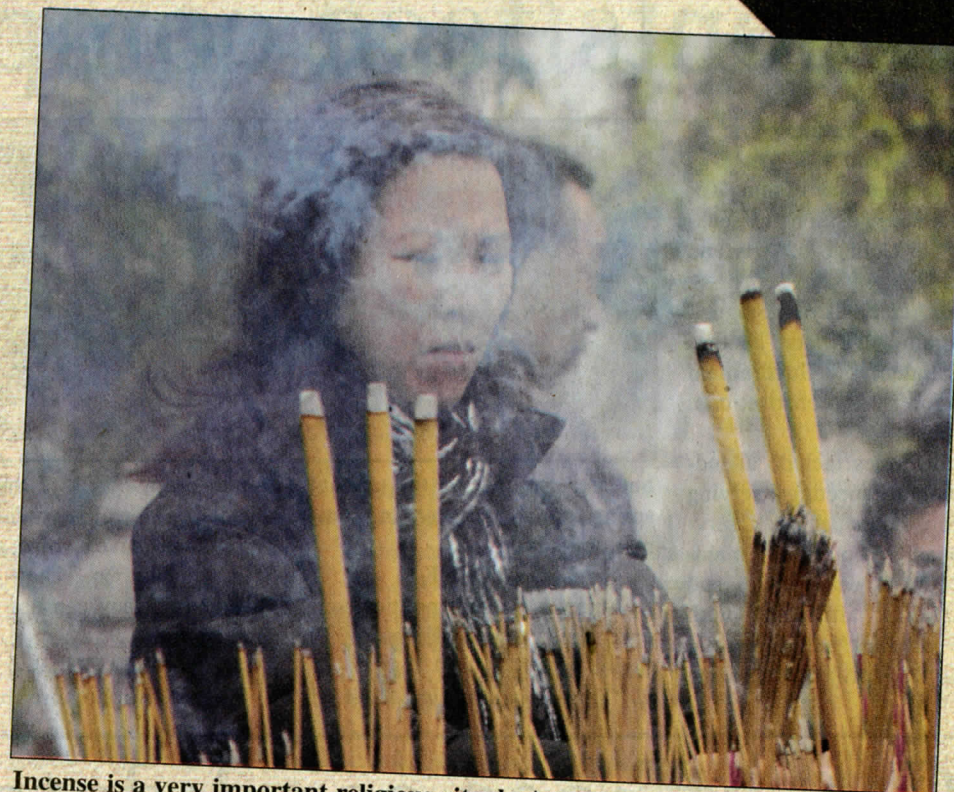
Above: Scherrie McIntyre takes part in the most important ritual of the trip: shopping. Seen here is the inside of one of the many shops and stores that line the Stanly Market. These stores sell everything from Buddhas made of jade, and jackets made by Oakley, to silk sheets and Adidas shoes.

Right: Actors participate in a scene from a Cantonese opera. The ear-piercing screeches of the performers and music that reminded me of banging together of pots and pans seemed to be quite enjoyable to the locals.





A young resident of the walled village in Kat Hing Wai prepares a meal in one of the many small alleys in the village.



Incense is a very important religious ritual. A woman outside the Ching Chung Koon Temple places her incense among the hundreds of others.

from these people."

From the stores on the side of the road to the Temples, these people have adopted tourism into their culture. Where we would never allow tourist to come through our holy places during prayer snapping pictures, they love it. During one of our trips we were encouraged to put on hats from their culture to take funny pictures. During another excursion, we were cornered by local women who encouraged us to take pictures with them, only to inform us afterward that the pictures were not free! In a restaurant



only cost you 50 Hong Kong Dollars per person. (Roughly \$7 U.S.) The stores pick up products that appeal to us, and several times I noticed vendors blatantly ignoring locals and going straight for the tourists.

The bars and clubs there felt very much like those at home. They had names like 'Joe Bananas', 'Chasers', 'Insomnia' and 'Bahama Momma's' and all played the same music that you would find in clubs here. (One bar even had a country night!) In fact, the only local music I heard belonged to an Opera we went to and it was painfully bad. With most, if not all ads, road signs and menus written in both Chinese and English, the entire city had a very Western feel.

Too bad our trip is drawing to a close. I will miss all of my new friends.

*Photos and story by Brad Smith
Design layout by Joshua Davis*

free! In a restaurant there was a scene set up so you could dress like dignitaries and sit in a throne for a picture. Of course it would



Students and visitors descend the nearly 300 stairs that lead to the biggest outdoor Buddha located at the Po Lin Monastery.



Monks perform morning prayers at a temple in the New Territories. This temple, like most, is very elaborately designed and decorated with many colors.

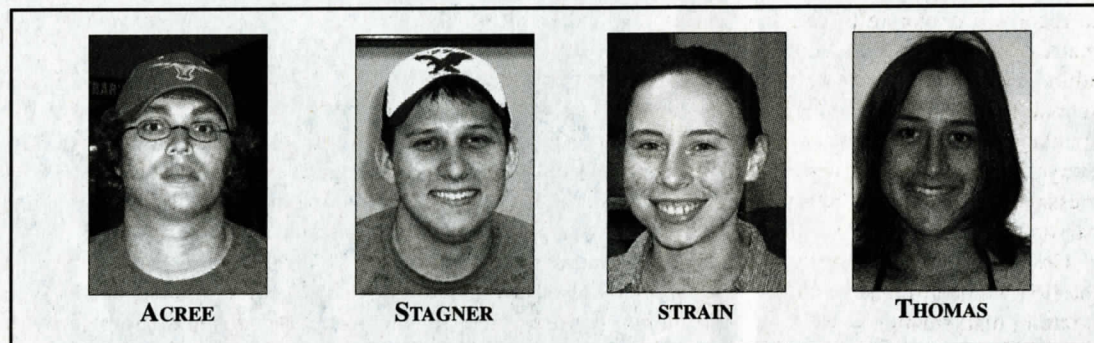
Students face competition for senate vote

By Adrienne Graham
Entertainment editor

Four students are running for three available positions as senators for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jerrod Acree, Skylar Stagner, Sasha Strain and Kristin Thomas all Student Government Association's constitutional requirements.

Senator duties include attending bi-monthly meetings, serving three office hours per week, serving on one SGA committee, maintaining contact with groups and organizations affiliated with College of Arts and Sciences, attending SGA projects including



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THOMAS

but not limited to the annual spring formal, and attending summer orientation.

ACREE

Acree is a senior political science major, and a member of Pi Sigma Alpha.

"This is my third time to run. I

like to be involved. I think the school has a really good future. The students have a voice, and the SGA needs to keep them informed so they can use it," he said.

STAGNER

Stagner, sophomore biology

major is a catcher for the Patriots baseball team. He also is a member of the American Chemical Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"I took a Freshman Seminar class with Dr. Mabry. The over-all theme of the class was leadership.

After that I wanted to get involved in leadership roles," he said.

STRAIN

Strain, a senior biology major participates the Tri Beta Biological Honor Society, the Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Association, and the Unfanatics club.

She is a former SGA freshman senator.

"I was not able participate this year because of the meeting times, but now I want to get back into it. With Tri Beta and Pre-Med, I meet a lot of people in those groups," she said. "With SGA, it's nice to be involved with

a group that is across the University."

THOMAS

Thomas, a junior speech and communications major, transferred to the University from St. Augustine, Florida this year.

Thomas has served as member of the judicial review committee and volunteered at the SGA sponsored chili cook-off.

She also served in student government at her former school.

"I'm passionate about making a difference. I like to be active, and I like to be involved and know what's going on, and I like to do the same for my fellow students," she said

SGA officer candidates go to polls uncontested

Barring write-in competition, candidates for Student Government Association officer positions remain uncontested for leadership roles.

Only one official candidate will be listed for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian in balloting scheduled for April 14-15.

In previous years, SGA officers were paid a yearly stipend of \$800 for the position of president, \$400 for vice president and \$150 for all other officer positions.

The method of payment, which is decided by Dr. Dale Lunsford, was changed at the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year, for the top two positions.

The president and vice president are required to work 10 hours a week, at a rate of \$6 per hour.

PRESIDENT

Junior political science major Dustin Tallent is a candidate for president.

Tallent said he plans to "get to work and make the student government more organized instead of throwing pool parties."

"Next year the administration will focus on structure. There's a real problem with order...we're going to rebuild the organization," he said.

Tallent said he believes his SGA experience makes him a good candidate for the presidency.

He currently serves as the SGA vice president and as the vice chairman of the University of Texas System Student Advisory Council.

makes sure that word gets out to students about elections and other events," Sorrell said

Sorrell serves on the University Center Renovation Committee and as part of her duties she said she spoke to the House of Representatives last month, urging them to pass a bill that would allow the school to rebuild the UC.

"I like being involved on campus," Sorrell said.

TREASURER

Sophomore Josh Youngblood, an SGA senator is looking to move up in the organization as a candidate for the treasurer's position.

He is a sophomore business and technology major. He works at a local law firm while he maintains full-time student status.

After graduation, he said he plans to attend University of Texas at Austin Law School.

In Youngblood's previous SGA experience, he was a freshman representative, a senator, served on the Appropriations Committee, and was part of the System Advisory Council.

Youngblood said he believes the most important duty of the treasurer is assuring funds are available to student organizations on campus.

"I served on the appropriations council last semester so I have a pretty good idea about the budget and what we're trying to do with it," he said.

The treasurer is responsible for publishing financial reports — by Jan. 1 and May 1 of each year — in the student newspaper and a file a yearly

Senator posts up for grabs

Student voters will have few decisions in selecting senators from three colleges since they are virtually uncontested.

Although there are three seats open in each of the colleges, there are only two candidates for the College of Business and Technology and one each for the College of Education and Psychology and the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

The official candidates in these races could, however, face competition from write-in candidates.

Write-ins could easily claim seats for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and for campus housing since there are no official candidates.

If any senate positions are left open after the general election, a special election will be conducted in the fall, vice president Dustin Tallent said.

Senators receive a \$150 stipend for each semester.

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Senior business management major David Brenner is one of the two candidates running.

Brenner said he decided to run because he wanted to get involved, and because he has "a lot to give back to the freshmen."

"I will do whatever it takes to make the University better than when I came in," he said.

The other candidate for this position is Josh Youngblood, who is also running for treasurer.

According to the SGA's constitution, a student may be a candidate for more than one office but can only fill one.

EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

Allissa Boren, a junior psychology major is the lone candidate for this post.

Boren said she assisted with Back to School Freshmen Bashes and the Chili Cook-off.

"In the past year I have observed and participated in a lot of the functions that have been organized by the student government, and I want to get behind the scenes for student and University issues," she said.

Boren said she would work hard to represent her college.

"I am pretty approachable. I would like to be there for my department and if they have any concerns, they are more than welcome to address me about them," she said.

Boren also is a full-time employee at a Tyler restaurant.

ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Freshman engineering major Duy-Anh Doan, 19, is the only candidate for this position.

Doan currently serves as a freshman representative and served as president of his high school's student government.

Originally from Vietnam, Doan is a member of the International Patriots and said he wanted to be the voice for the many international students.

"I am a social person who likes to work with people, and I want to bring international flavor to the SGA as well," he said.

Editor in chief Emily Stevens and contributing writers Rachel Duncan, Tracey Phillips-Dibbell and Jewell Murtz compiled this report.

Rule change shortens ballot

System Student Advisory Council.

Tallent said his UTSSAC position makes him the "direct liaison between every student in the UT System and the Texas legislature."

VICE PRESIDENT

The race for the vice presidency also is uncontested, as senior computer information major Austin O'Kelly filed the only application for candidacy.

O'Kelly said he decided to run because "there was an open spot."

He said he wants to "plan more activities that students will attend and actually enjoy."

He currently serves as a senator for the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

SECRETARY

Sophomore Ashley Sorrell is vying for the secretary's position.

Sorrell, a math major, already participates on campus as a peer mentor, an orientation leader, and a senator for the College of Business and Technology.

"I think there is room for improvement in the SGA. If I'm an officer, I can help to make changes for the better, and represent the students completely," she said.

The secretary also serves as the chairperson of the Student Communications Committee, and each semester is responsible for providing a list of SGA members who are eligible to receive their stipend.

"[The Student Communications Committee]

year — in the student newspaper and a file a yearly budget plan to the chief student affairs officer by Oct. 1.

Youngblood said it is important to submit the reports "so that way we are accountable to the student body for how much money we are spending and where it is going."

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Eric Figueroa, a senior finance major, is running for the parliamentarian position.

He currently is a senator for the College of Business and Technology. He is also involved in the Anthropology Club, Very Important Patriots (VIP's) and in the Student Learning community program. Figueroa works for the University in campus computing.

He said his main goal is to do whatever he can to help make the University become more like a traditional University and to help the University make a smooth transition as it grows.

"It's SGA's job to bring the problems students are facing to administration's attention," he said.

Figueroa said he would like to increase cultural diversity on campus.

"We have a great international base, but Hispanics and blacks are not well enough represented," he said.

Staff writer Karla Clark and contributing writers Misti Justice, Tracey Phillips-Dibbell and Mechele Wood compiled this report.

By Karla Clark

Staff writer

Members of the Student Government Association's executive committee ruled March 21 that a candidate filing for the office of president and vice president must be a junior or senior at the time they file for candidacy.

The SGA constitution requires a student running for president or vice president to have one year of SGA experience and be a junior or senior, but does not state if the student must be a junior or senior at the time of filing or at the time of taking office.

The executive committee reached this decision following sophomore senator Josh Youngblood filing an application to be a candidate for vice president.

"There was a lot of gray area, and there was a lot of potential candidates...the safest thing to do for this particular election was to require them to be junior when they apply," vice president Dustin

Tallent said.

Although the rules committee usually interprets the constitution, Tallent said only two members would have been present to make the decision, so the executive committee ruled in this instance.

When president Ryan Palmquist announced the decision in a March 22 SGA meeting, University Pines senator Kent Willis said the constitution prevents the SGA from accomplishing anything.

"The constitution prevents good people like Josh Youngblood from running for office," Willis said.

During the meeting, he also said he was not going to run in the upcoming election due to his frustration with being unable to get anything accomplished in the SGA.

"If you feel there are things that need to be changed, it's your prerogative to bring this up...it's still a work in progress, and we need people like [Willis] to do

things about it," Palmquist said after the meeting.

Tallent said he will propose an amendment to the SGA constitution at their Tuesday meeting to clarify candidate qualifications.

He said the proposed amendment would require candidates to have one year of SGA experience, but would not stipulate a class level.

"It opens up the talent pool. I would not want to limit the pool considering the size of our capus," Tallent said.

The SGA constitution requires a proposed amendment to lie on the table for 30 days before it can go before members for a vote.

If three fourths of SGA members favor the amendment, it must be voted on by the student body.

It can go to the University president if two thirds of voting students accept the amendment, and then to the University of Texas System Board of Regents and the Executive Vice Chancellor for final approval.

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Former University teacher speaks at library

By Emily Stevens

Editor in Chief

Dr. Evelyn Boyd Granville spoke to about 30 female students March 10 in the Robert R. Muntz Library about the importance of a strong foundation in mathematics.



Photo By Brad Smith

Dr. Evelyn Boyd Granville lectured as keynote speaker during the University's March 10 Sonya Kovalevsky Day.

From 1990-1997, Granville taught as a visiting professor of mathematics at the University, and she said since her retirement she has toured "all of Texas and Shreveport" speaking to students.

Granville, one of the first

three African-American women to receive a doctorate in mathematics in the United States, addressed a crowd of mostly high school students as the keynote speaker of the University's Sonya Kovalevsky Day with the message of "do math, and you can do anything."

Granville said Kovalevsky — the first woman to receive a doctorate in mathematics in 1874 — proved "beyond a shadow of a doubt that women can be successful...when given the opportunity to get training and education needed to make significant contributions."

Granville began her lecture by addressing the ideas of what exactly math is and how it can "open doors" for students.

"Math is a method of inquiry and discovery; determining what can be proved and methods of

proof; a creative approach that can be applied to all of the real world," she said.

She related this definition to the work force by listing some qualities companies look for in prospective employees, including understanding money, banking, a variety of problem-solving strategies, and creative thinking.

Granville also spoke about the problems women face in the work force, including taking time off to rear children, as well as industries' changing attitudes toward these problems.

She cited a *Dallas Morning News* insert that said the workplace is becoming more family-friendly, often allowing employees to handle personal problems during work hours and providing necessary flexibility when problems arise in the home.

"Family problems may not be

a problem because companies realize a good employee is hard to find," Granville said.

In addition, she urged attendees not to be discouraged by job outsourcing, saying that despite technological advances, U.S. companies "will always need workers right here."

"[They] send run of the mill jobs overseas, but want to keep creative jobs here. Some provide mentoring programs because they want to produce a new generation of creative engineers — emphasis on creative," she said.

Granville closed her lecture with encouraging words for the young women.

"If you have the innate ability to be a mathematician, scientist, or engineer, don't let anyone discourage you. Go for it. You can have a career and a life, although juggling the two may be a chal-

lenge — not a problem, a challenge," she said.

After receiving her doctorate in mathematics from Yale University in 1949, Granville worked for IBM writing computer programs used to track vehicles in space.

In 1967 Granville began teaching at California State University in Los Angeles, where she collaborated with Jason Brand to co-author a textbook — *Theory and Applications of Mathematics for Teachers*.

In 1983 Granville moved to Texas and, after a two-year retirement, taught at Texas College from 1985-1988.

Following her third retirement in 1997, Granville said she thought to herself, "I'll find something to do."

"But something found me," she said.

'Vincent' receives regional honors

By Hannah Avent

Staff writer

The University's theater production, "Vincent in Brixton," received five awards for their performance in the Region VI Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival held Feb. 26 at the University of Arkansas.

Dr. James Hatfield, professor and director of theater, received an award for excellence in set design, direction, and set dressing.

Set dressing includes the decorative props and furnishings added to the stage.

Dr. Mary Ellen Wright, assistant professor of theater, was presented an award for excellence in costume design.

"I did the period costumes. I was quite excited because we were the only school who received excellence in costume design," Wright said.

The University theater department also was the only group to receive awards for set dressing, set design, and properties, Wright said.

The award for excellence in properties was presented to Connie Orr, a graduate student in theater.

Following the performance, Orr said they received a critique from Dr. Katherine Robinson, dean of Art and Humanities at Pennsylvania State University.

"What stood out for me, in their response, was when Dr. Robinson said 'I know the quality of your faculty and your programs and I expected only the best from your performance. You did not disappoint me. This was a beautiful performance, beautiful acting, beautiful costumes, and an overall lovely experience,'" Orr said. "It made me stronger to hear it, as a theater major."

"Vincent in Brixton" was

selected to perform as one of the most outstanding productions in the five-state region, which includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, Hatfield said.

He said it was chosen by the 16-member Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival regional committee.

"There were probably 60 or more shows in the final selection pool and we were chosen as one of six to go to the festival. We were very honored to be selected to perform," Hatfield said.

The story of "Vincent in Brixton" concerns the love and passions of young artist Vincent Van Gogh, who once lived in a boarding house in the south London borough of Brixton.

Hatfield said they chose "Vincent in Brixton" for two reasons.

"We always try to choose shows that students can be well cast in. We choose shows based

on the talent of our students," Hatfield said.

Hatfield said the other reason was that it was different than some stylized plays.

He said they try to perform a variety of styles over the years.

"Vincent in Brixton" is a play in the style of modified realism, Hatfield said.

Wright described modified realism as "prop-intensive."

Hatfield said that Orr was responsible for getting all the props together.

"We actually cooked on stage for this play. It was very realistic. That's why there was a student award," Hatfield said.

"Perhaps there were individual awards, but the true beauty of the experience was the collaboration between the faculty, crew, and the theater company. The theater department at the University of Texas at Tyler was represented well," Orr said.

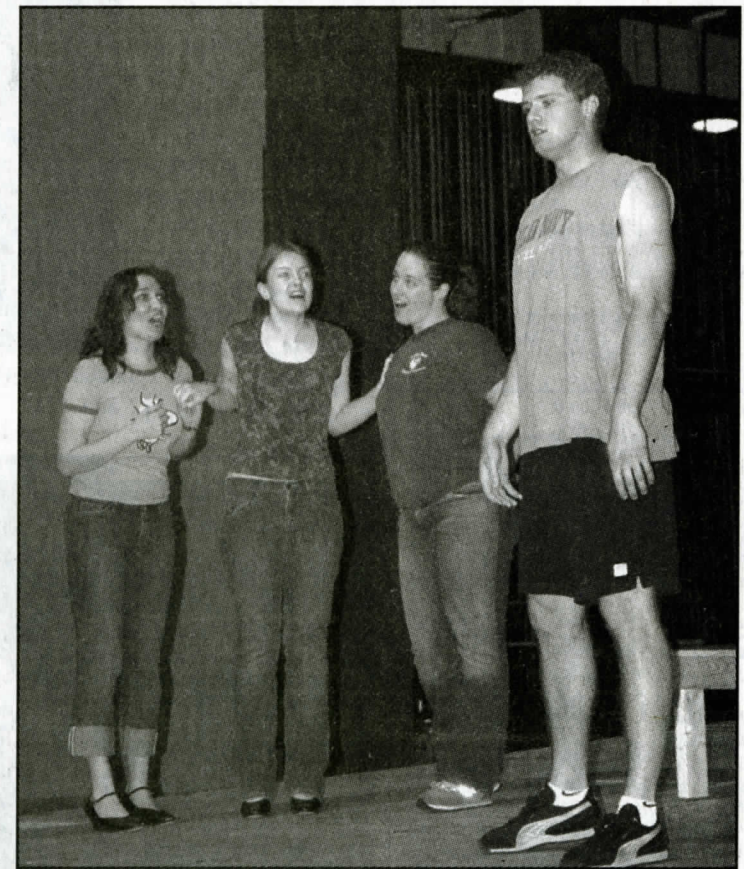


Photo By Jeff Mills

Theater students prepare for their upcoming production of "Beauty and the Beast," scheduled to be held in the Vaughn Auditorium this week.



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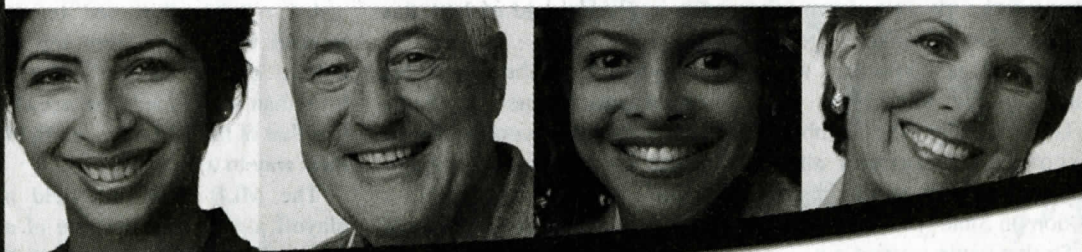
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Baseball

UT Tyler vs. Hilldale Baptist W, 3-1
Mar. 16

Game		R	H	E
Hillsdale	000 000 001	1	5	1
UT Tyler	000 300 00x	3	9	2

Win: Johnson. Loss: Lightfoot.
Save: Tarrant.
DP: Hillsdale 1; UT Tyler 1. LOB:
Hillsdale 7; UT Tyler 6. 2B: C. Johnson;
Noles; Anderson; Towns. HBP: Burress.

UT Tyler vs. Mississippi College W, 9-8
Mar. 18

Game		R	H	E
Mississippi	010 070 000 0	8	11	0
UT Tyler	400 020 002 1	9	13	3

Win: Lewis. Loss: Lawson.
DP: UT Tyler 1. LOB: Miss. 7; UT Tyler
12. 2B: Bell; Chisholm; Birdsong;
Mangrum; Williams. HBP: Bell; James.
SF: Goree. SB: Self 2; Noles; Williams

UT Tyler vs. Mississippi College
W, 18-3; 19-17 Mar. 19

Game 1		R	H	E
Mississippi	000 201 0	3	6	2
UT Tyler	613 233 x	18	15	3

Win: Matthews. Loss: Dykes.
DP: Miss. 1; UT Tyler 1. LOB: Miss. 5;
UT Tyler 9. 2B: Birdsong; Williams;
Anderson; G. Dixon. HBP: Goree;
Gallizzi. SF: Anderson; James. SB:
Anderson 2.

Game 2		R	H	E
Mississippi	013 00(10) 003	17	19	1
UT Tyler	17(10) 000 01x	19	22	3

Win: Towns. Loss: Howze (1-3). Save:
Tarrant (3)
DP: UT Tyler 2. LOB: Miss. 8; UT Tyler
8. 2B Vance; Mangrum; Beauman;
Wallace; Goree. 3B: Self; Bell; Noles 2.
HR: Goree. HBP: Bell; Grau 2. SF:
Birdsong; Cooper; Grau. SB: Grau 2;
Anderson

UT Tyler vs. Hamline W, 10-6
Mar. 22

Game		R	H	E
Hamline	060 000 000	6	8	3
UT Tyler	111 301 30x	10	12	4

Win: Hovet. Loss: Krenberg

Golfers win first tournament

By Will McDonald

Staff Writer

Spring found the men's golf team in full swing, winning their first tournament in school history and poised to make a run at the American Southwest Conference title.

On March 14 and 15 the men shot a two day total of 627, easily defeating host school Louisiana College in the Spring Invitational Tournament at Oakwing golf course. The Patriots finished seven shots better than second place LC, and placed three golfers in the top five of the leader board.

Freshman Will Orr fired a 155 to capture fifth place, sophomore Larry McDougal placed third with a score of 153, and senior Sean Scibba lead all individuals with a total of 148.

All three golfers were named to the all-tournament team.

"The team is much improved. If we keep on getting better, there's a good shot we could win conference," Scibba said.

Junior Justin Ripoll and sophomore Gerritt Stroh rounded out the team, shooting 172 and 173,

respectively.

The previous week the men's and women's teams competed at the Tyler Junior College Spring Invitational on March 7 and 8, placing third and second respectively.

The men's team found themselves in fifth place after shooting 314 on the first day of competition at Eagles Bluff Country Club.

However, a gutsy performance on day two overcame gusty winds and fast greens. The Patriots fired a second day score of 303 helping them pass both McLennan and Paris for a third place, finishing just shy of second place TJC.

"We played well today and made up a good amount of shots. It really shows something about our team's character. They didn't give up or quit," golf coach David Cline said.

Scibba was the low man on the team, shooting a two day total of 152, putting him in a fifth place tie with Cole Howard of McLennan.

Coach Cline pointed to the maturity of the team as a major factor in their success.

"Our experience has solidified

our team. We've played the courses we're competing on and have been beating some good schools. Now that the weather is finally starting to cooperate and things are beginning to dry out, things should really start to take off for us," Cline said.

The men aren't the only ones Cline is pleased with the season.

"I'm pleased with the progress our women's team is making," Cline said.

The women's team finished second at the TJC Spring Invitational with a two day score of 756. Junior Heather Ferguson's first day score of 82 had her tied for the tournament lead. After a second day score of 87, Heather finished with a total of 169, coming in at third place.

Ferguson credited Cline for much of her improvement.

"Out of the eight years I've been playing golf, Coach Cline has been training me for over four years. He's really helped me become more consistent in my ball striking," Ferguson said.

Both teams will compete in the ASC Conference tournament in Texas on April 17-19.



Photo By Brad Smith

Justin Ripoll wedges one out of the bunker at the TJC Spring Invitational.

Women Patriots flood the Ozarks

By Robert Wooten

Sports Editor

The Patriots softball team showed their resilience over the weekend.

After coming off two one-run defeats earlier in the week to the University of Texas at Dallas, the women Patriot's took all four games of their weekend series against conference opponents University of the Ozarks.

Newell gave the Ozarks life and the lead for the first time in the series.

However, the life was quickly squeezed out of the Ozarks in the bottom half of the inning. The Patriots used a Kristen Akin RBI single, a wild pitch, and a sacrifice fly from Kourtney Jones to take back the lead for good, 7-6.

"We knew we had alot of game left to get back into it. Our hitters paid us back for those one to

Win: Harvot. Loss: Kronberg.
LOB: Hamline 9; UT Tyler 12. 2B:
Rykes. 3B: Thompson; Noles. HBP: Jo.
Juntunen. SB: J. Virden; Grau; Noles.

UT Tyler at Austin College W, 12-8
Mar. 24

Game		R	H	E
UT Tyler	302 001 213	12	16	2
AC	020 012 210	8	15	4

Win: Smith. Loss: Rushing. Save:
Tarrant.
LOB: UT Tyler 11; AC 9. 2B: Sharon;
Noles; Anderson; James; Erdle; Mitchell.
HR: Grau; Williams; Shockley; Schleizer;
Rebagliati. HBP: Williams; Gallizzi. SF:
Noles. SB: Williams.

UT Tyler at Austin College 11-3; 6-7
Mar. 25

Game 1		R	H	E
UT Tyler	021 221 3	11	12	1
AC	101 001 0	3	11	0

Win: Matthews. Loss: Culp
LOB: UT Tyler 8; AC 10. 2B: Grau;
Noles; Williams; Gallizzi; James; G.
Dixon; Erdle; Staton. HR: Williams;
Ferguson. SB: Gallizzi

Game 2		R	H	E
UT Tyler	000 050 010	6	9	2
AC	102 301 00x	7	12	1

Win: Frost (1-5). Loss: Lewis
DP: AC 1. LOB: UT Tyler 4; AC 12. 2B:
Hoffmeyer. HR: Grau; Gallizzi. HBP:
James; Kelly; Ferguson; Hoffmeyer;
Pike. SB: Noles; Shockley; Rebagliati

UT Tyler vs. ETBU
Apr. 1

Game		R	H	E
ETBU	600 000 000	6	6	4
UT Tyler	210 105 02x	11	8	3

Win: Smith (4-0). Loss: Gamblin
LOB: ETBU 5; UT Tyler 11. 2B: Sharon;
G. Dixon. 3B: Martinek. SB: Sharon;
Martinek; Goss; Anderson 2.

Softball

UT Tyler vs. Louisiana College
L, 1-4; 1-2 Mar. 19

Game 1		R	H	E
LC	100 200 1	4	10	0
UTT	000 100 1	1	3	2

Win: Clark. Loss: Morrison.
LOB: LC 9; UTT 4. 2B: Harwell. 3B:
Hemperly; K. Jones. SF: Collins.

Games 2		R	H	E
LC	001 000 1	2	4	0
UTT	000 000 1	1	4	0

Win: Collins. Loss: Good.
LOB: LC 3; UTT 3. 2B: Collins; Hensley.
HR: K. Jones. SB: Roark; Roque; K.
Jones

UT Tyler vs. Grambling State
W, 6-1; 8-0 Mar. 23

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Photo By Brad Smith

Kriten Akin defends second base from an Eagle runner during the first game of Saturday's double header. Akin went 7-14 during the four-game series. The women Patriots improved their record to 11-7 in conference.

Patriots domesticate Tigers; now in second place tie

By Wes Bloomquist
Contributing Writer

East Texas Baptist University came into Tyler on Friday with a swagger after being ranked eighth in the nation by the American Baseball Coaches Association's first poll of the season.

After three games the Tigers swagger and high rank are all but gone.

On Saturday the Patriots played host the Tigers in a double header at the baseball complex for the first Diamond Days.

University donor Bob Irwin's ceremonial first pitch brought respectful applause from the crowd and set the tone for a great day of baseball.

With the weekend sweep the Patriots advance their record to 20-6, and move into a second place tie in conference with ETBU.

Freshman ace Tim Matthews picked up his fifth win of the season. Senior Tony Harvot took his record to 4-0 by gaining a victory in game two.

Sophomore Chase Tarrant

came in for two innings of scoreless ball to get his fifth save of the year.

At the plate junior Luis Correa from Tyler Lee, delivered four hits including his first home run of the season.

Junior third baseman Kevin Noles also came through with three hits and three RBI's. Gifford Dixon added four hits including the final dagger to the Tigers in game one.

Both teams have tremendous fire power on offense, but the results of the game came down to

the pitching according to Coach James Vilade.

"The pitchers started to really dominate the series, there were a lot of hits, but relatively a 5-4 game in college baseball is a low scoring game," Vilade said. "Both teams had the approach to chip away but in the end our pitchers really hung in there and did a great job."

Game One

The phrase to capture the feel of game one was bend but don't break.

Patriot's pitcher Tim Matthews

University of the Ozarks. Following two Friday evening victories, 6-1 and 5-0, the Patriot women took both sunny Saturday afternoon games by scores of 9-2 and 7-6.

Game 1

After Morrison retired the first three batters in order in the top of the first, the Patriots gave her run support in the bottom half.

Ashley Cagle who went three for four in the game lead off with a single to left. With one down Lindsey Peters knocked Cagle and Kristen Akin home with a single to right.

The Patriots went on to score at least one run in each inning of game one.

Jackie Miller came on in
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and ETBU lefty Sean Stuwe started the game by leaving the scoreboard with zeros through two innings.

After a sacrifice bunt by J. Michael Sharon, and a walk from Phillip Grau in the bottom of the third, Noles came through by delivering a double scoring both Sharon and Grau, and giving the Patriots the first lead of the day.

ETBU wasted no time in striking back by scoring one run in the top of the first.

Correa answered the run with

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Red sox, Yankees rivalry keeps Major League from striking out

Fans love the nature of the NCAA basketball tournament because it produces unthinkable upsets.

And fans who love the parity of the NFL and its abilities to make it nearly impossible to pick favorites before the season might be in for a dreadful summer.

Aside from the NBA playoffs in June, which is nothing compared to the excitement of college basketball, major league baseball will be the only source of fulfillment for sports fanatics this summer.

Now that is not necessarily a bad thing unless your not a



EXTRA INNINGS

ROBERT WOOTEN

Boston Red Sox or New York Yankee supporter.

In that case you should pray for an outside shot at a championship or at least game coverage for your favorite team.

The Boston against New York rivalry dominated baseball promotions this off-season.

And rightfully so because the

two powerhouses hold the most appealing rivalry in sports today.

Some may want to argue the case for the rivalry of world's number one ranked golfer between Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh, and Phil Mickelson.

Unfortunately, the stubbornness of golf courses rarely allows all three players to be in contention on Sunday.

So that battle is ruled out.

The MLB is fortunate to have Red Sox Nation vs. The Evil Empire to fall back on considering the steroid controversy that surrounded the league during the off-season.

If not for last year's unforgettable Red Sox comeback in the post-season, baseball may have been in for a world of hurt this year.

Maybe the Babe lifted his curse because he knew baseball's ensuing troubles would only be masked by a Red Sox championship.

Now maybe that goat should lift its curse from the Cubs so juiced up Barry Bonds can go unnoticed when he breaks Hank Aaron's home run record.

I personally don't claim the Red Sox or Yankees as my favorite team, but just as the

MLB is counting on, I love to watch these historic teams duke it out for three hours at a time.

I'd much rather see teams stacked with talent from top to bottom decide the best of the best, than watch mediocre squads like that of the NFL chicken fight their way to a victory.

The MLB may not yield a playoff atmosphere the size of a college basketball.

However, baseball can brag about producing the most significant rivalry in team sports today, and arguably being the only professional sports league where parity isn't running wild.

SCORES

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Game 1		R	H	E
Grambling	000 001 0	1	2	4
UT Tyler	120 201 x	6	10	1

Win: Good (7-2). Loss: K. Garsee
LOB: Grambling 3; UT Tyler 8. 2B: J. Sevin; Peters. SB: Akin.

Game 2		R	H	E
Grambling	000 00	0	1	5
UT Tyler	024 2x	8	9	2

Win: Morrison (6-3). Loss: J. DeLeon
LOB: Grambling 3; UT Tyler 6. 2B: Cagle; Good. SB: M. Young; Hensley; Kilgore 2; Desoto.

UT Tyler at Mississippi College
L, 1-5; W, 3-0 Mar. 26

Game 1		R	H	E
UT Tyler	001 000 0	1	5	2
Mississippi	202 010 0 x	5	8	0

Win: Watkins (9-3). Loss: Good
LOB: UT Tyler 6; Miss. 6. 2B: K. Jones; Farrish; Posey. HBP: Shumock. SF: McMillan.

Game 2		R	H	E
UT Tyler	000 210 0	3	6	1
Mississippi	000 000 0	0	3	4

Win: Morrison (7-3). Loss: Perry.
LOB: UT Tyler 7; Miss. 7. 2B: Cagle.
HBP: Moak. SB: Akin; Genthon.

UT Tyler vs. UT Dallas
L, 0-1; 1-2 Mar. 29

Game 1		R	H	E
UT Dallas	000 100 0	1	5	0
UT Tyler	000 000 0	0	0	2

Win: DeLeon (5-1). Loss: Good (7-4)
LOB: UT Dallas 3; UT Tyler 2. CS: Arldt; Lightfield.

Game 2		R	H	E
UT Dallas	000 200 0	2	5	2
UT Tyler	001 000 0	1	4	1

Win: Herrera (3-1). Loss: Morrison (7-4)
LOB: UT Dallas 4; UT Tyler 4. 2B: Peters. SF: Jones. SB: Arldt.

UT Tyler vs. University of the Ozarks
Apr. 1

Game 1		R	H	E
Ozarks	001 000 0	1	4	3
UT Tyler	114 000 x	6	6	1

Game 2		R	H	E
Ozarks	000 000 0	0	3	3
UT Tyler	103 100 0	5	6	0

Honors

Baseball: Tim Matthes named Pitcher of the Week and outfielder Julian Williams named Player of the Week in ASC East Mar. 20.

Tennis: Sophomore Patrick Painter named ASC Player of the week Mar. 8. Senior Adam Stone named ASC Player of the Week Mar. 15.

Penguins win intramurals, all-star team goes to TCU

By Robert Wooten

Sports Editor

The Intramural basketball season may have ended for 10 teams on March 30, but for some stand-out individuals the fun is not yet over.

The University sent two men's and one women's all-star team to the campus of Texas Christian University April 1-3 to compete in the American Collegiate Intramural Sports regional tournament.

The winner of the regional will receive a travel stipend for a three night accommodation in Orlando paid for by the sponsors of the ACIC, which includes Nike.

The prize package includes team entry fee, meal vouchers, and theme park tickets to Disney's Animal Kingdom and Walt Disney World.

Teams will compete for the ACIS national championship at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex on May 6-7.

The men's first team features intramural league leading-scorer

Tracy Murphy who average more than 30 points per game.

Chase Floyd who finished in the top five in scoring will lead the men's second all-star team into TCU.

Laquita Patton and Bari Sims of the University's women's basketball team will compete for the women's all-star team.

Each team is guaranteed three games before single elimination tournament play begins.

The University's intramural basketball season ended with the Purple Penguins in first place with a record of 8-1

The UT Ballers (7-2), Yo Mamma (6-3), Black Ballas (5-4), and Off in the Wood (5-4) rounded out the top five teams.

Other leading scorers included Brandon Perry who averaged 28 points per game.

Kevin Johnson and Chase Tarrant averaged more than 18 points per contest.

Intramural softball is currently underway. All games are played on Thursday evenings at Lindsey Park on Spur 364.

SOFTBALL

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relieve for Morrison in the sixth and finished of the Eagles with two strikeouts and two hits allowed.

Game 2

Freshman Kristen Akin started the scoring off with a stand up RBI double down the leftfield line in the bottom of the first, scoring Krystin Hensley.

One batter later Akin crossed the plate on a wild pitch from Ozarks starter Devon Bottoms.

The Patriots continued their scoring into the second inning

With two outs in the second Moriah Davis slapped a double that scored Christina Genthon. Davis scored later in the inning on an error making the score 4-0.

Davis totaled three hits and

two RBIs in the double header.

Patriots starting pitcher Kati Good, who pitched 18 innings during the week coming into Saturday's game, kept the Eagles scoreless until allowing six runs in the fifth.

Junior Errica Rodriguez step on the mound to get the final out of the fifth on a strikeout. Rodriguez went on to retire the final six batters of the game to record the win.

"As a freshman throwing every other game she's done a great job." Coach Reed said of pitcher Kati Good

"I told Erica if she could keep their score at 6 then we could get the win. She did a good job in relief." Reed said

RETURNING THE FAVOR



Photo By Brad Smith

Junior Kristin Thomas from St. Augustine, Fla returns a serve from a UT Dallas tennis player on March 25 during the Patriot's final home match. The women easily won their match by a tally of 7-0 moving their overall record to 6-6. The men also defeated the Comets 7-0 and now stand at 10-4. Both teams will participate in the ASC championship April 15-17.

BASEBALL

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his leadoff home run to left field.

Matthews picked up two quick outs in the top of the sixth, but ETBU showed why they were ranked.

Taking advantage of a Patriot error the Tigers scored a run coming off a double from Nick Martinek. ETBU captured the lead on a two RBI single from Luke McFarlane.

In the bottom of the seventh with only three outs left to salvage the game, Phillip Grau tied the contest with a sacrifice fly to center field which brought Copeland to the plate and sent the game into extra innings.

Matthews once again shut down the Tigers allowing the Patriots a chance to win in the eighth inning.

After a Julian Williams infield single, an error, and an intentional walk loaded the bases Dixon came to the plate with no outs.

Dixon hit a heroics line drive into right center field scoring Goss and giving the Patriots the 5-4 victory.

"We've been hitting the ball really well, and making good pitches," pitcher Tim Matthews said. "It all came together for us."

Game Two

After a quick turn around from a emotional game one the Patriots sent Tony Harvot to complete the sweep.

The Tigers scored first in the see-saw affair on a Patriot error in the top of the second inning.

For the Patriots, Dixon drove in the first run coming in the bot-

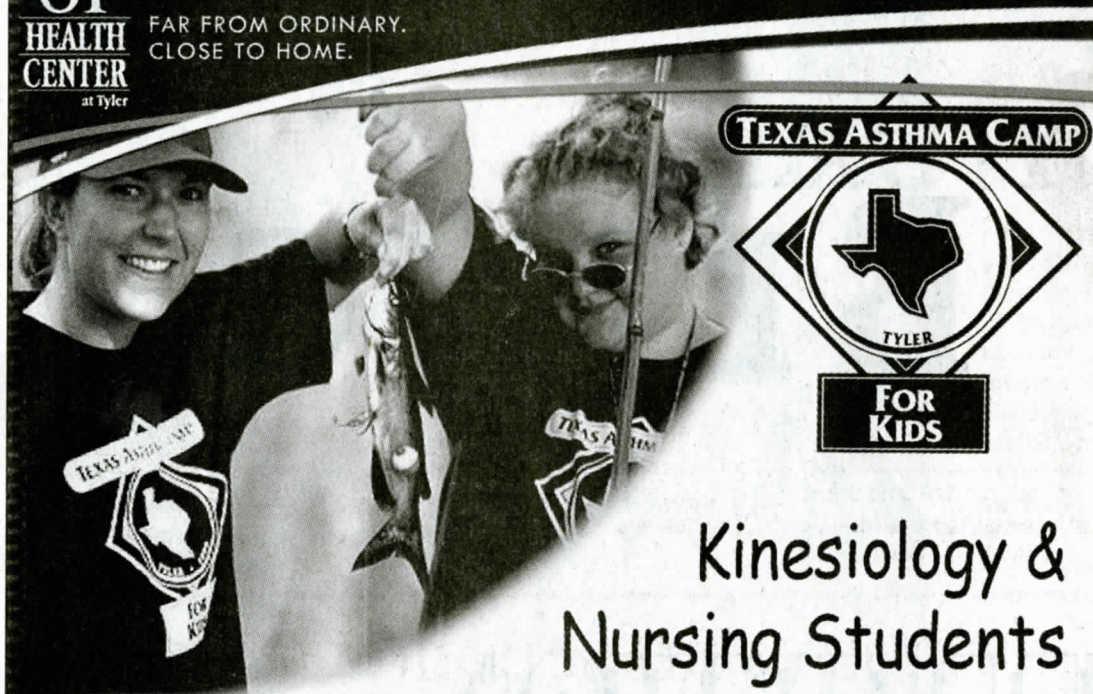
tom. The Patriots took the lead 2-1 on a Correa single which scored Dixon.

ETBU tied the game in the third and then took the lead back in the fourth on a fielder's choice. A Noles single and two unearned runs gave the Patriots the lead again in the fifth.

Holding a 5-4 lead going into the sixth Coach Vilade chose Chase Tarrant to finish off the Tiger. Tarrant pitched two scoreless innings and complete the sweep.

The Patriots next home game is April 5 against Jarvis Christian at 6:00.

"Were out to win it one game at a time," Coach Vilade said. "There's no game more important than that next one."



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'05 Patriot Days list of activities starts next week

By Adrienne Graham
Entertainment Editor

The 5th annual Patriot Days Student Appreciation Week will be held April 11-15.

Events will take place throughout the week on the campus, with the exception of a tournament at Green Acres Bowling Alley.

Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall teams.

Teams can sign up and receive entry rules in the University Center room 111.

Patriot Days 2005 will include:

Monday, April 11

- Sand volleyball tournament at Patriot Village Apartments – 6:30 p.m.

- Free pizza at Longview University Center at lunch

Tuesday, April 12

- NASCAR simulator – 12-6 p.m.

- Blood drive – UC 102 – 10a.m.-2p.m.

- Obstacle course – 2p.m.

- Mechanical bull ride – 2p.m.

- Movie "Fade to Black" – UC – 8p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

- "TRON SYSTEM" Laser tag – 3-9p.m., – location to be announced

- Bowling – Green Acres Bowling Alley – 2p.m.

- Sack race – Soccer practice field – 4p.m.

- Softball throw – Soccer practice field – 4:30p.m.

- Extreme Karaoke – UC – 7:30p.m.

Thursday, April 14

- Basketball competition – Patriot Center – 2p.m.

- Water balloon toss – Soccer practice field – 3p.m.

- Banachek show – UC – 7:30p.m.

Friday, April 15

- Kissinger concert – UC – 12p.m.

- Free barbecue lunch for students, guests \$5

- Free pizza lunch - Palestine campus

Additional activities may be added, according to the Patriot Days itinerary.

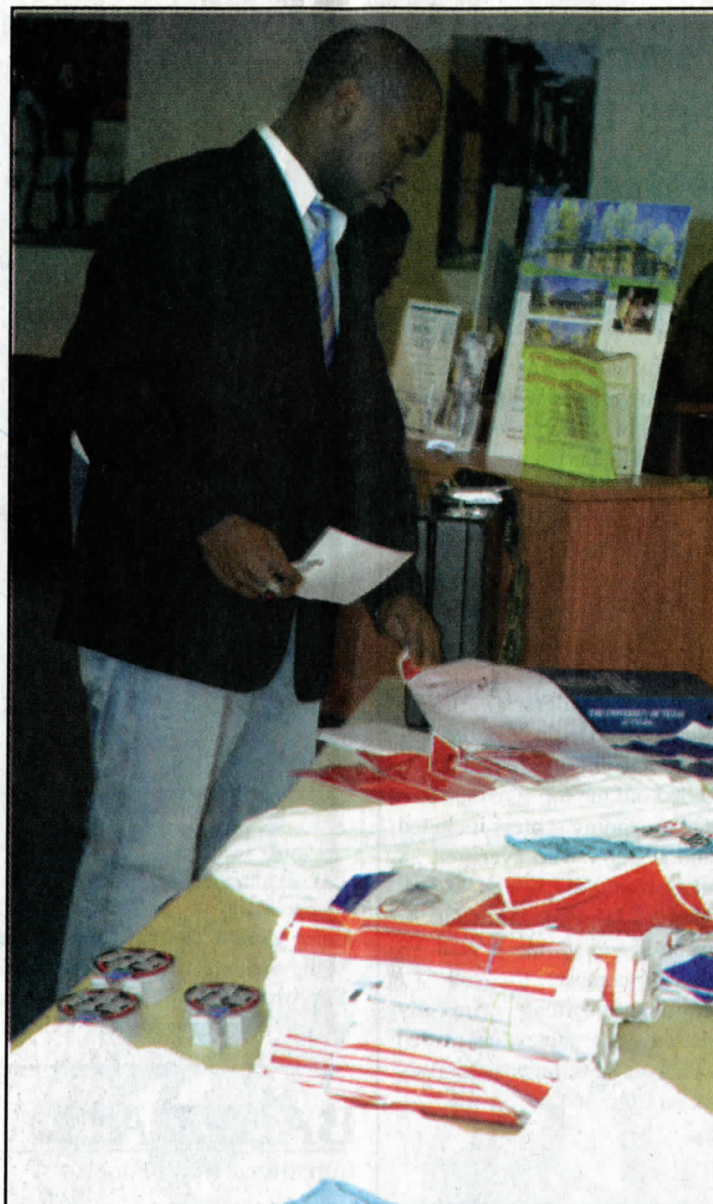


Photo By Brad Smith

Journalism student Will Edmond browses the materials provided by the Department of Transportation to prevent students from littering.

Campus clubs adopt highway

By Jennifer Skinner
Contributing writer

The University held a reception on March 9 for five student organizations to express appreciation for their participation in the "Don't Mess With Texas Cleanup" campaign.

Mary Owen, district engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation, presented plaques from the University to the presidents of the Accounting Society, Tri Beta Biology Honor Society, the Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society, the Muslim Student Association and the Pre-Medical / Pre-Dental Association.

According to standard guidelines of the campaign, each organization adopts 2 miles of Texas highways and agrees to clean up their stretch of road at least twice a semester, more if in a heavy traffic area.

"Smith County was the first area in the nation to have an adopt-a-highway program. Our student organizations are cleaning up 10 miles worth of Texas highways. It is really neat that our University students are participating in what is now a state-wide

program" Lou Ann Berman, executive director of community relations, said.

When asked how they got involved with this program, Kelly Klein, the vice president of the Accounting Society said, "We were looking for a community service project that was a long term commitment and this is something we all agreed would be the perfect thing."

The University is one of 23 Texas colleges and universities participating in this year's cleanup campaign.

Earlier that day, student volunteers handed out car litterbags provided by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to encourage students not to litter.

TxDOT also provides the organizations the supplies to clean up their stretch of road during the course of the year, including appropriate permits, safety vests, trash bags and safety courses.

The program was started by James R. "Bobby" Evans, who was an engineer for TxDOT in the Tyler district. The first adopt-a-highway section is marked with a sign on Highway 69 North in Tyler.

Officials release registrar candidate's applications

By Emily Stevens
Editor in Chief

Officials released the names of four applicants in the running to fill the University's vacant registrar position.

Candice Garner, director of financial aid, has acted as registrar since the death of Nina Rogers in August.

The Patriot Talon obtained the candidates' applications through the Texas Public Information Act.

The first of the four candidates that has been on campus for an interview is Gary Fincher, who is currently the registrar at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, VA.

Aside from his current position, Fincher also has worked as registrar at Life Chiropractic West College, associate registrar at the

University of Arkansas, and assistant registrar at Western Illinois University.

Staci Martin, the current assistant registrar at Kilgore College, also has visited the campus for an interview.

She also has worked as a middle school math teacher in Redwater and Atlanta, Texas, and as a student recruiting officer, placement officer, and student marketing coordinator at Texas State Technical College.

Kevin McKisson, Assistant Registrar at Arizona State University, also has completed an on-campus interview.

His other work experience includes being a registrar at Rochester College and a computer programmer for the Armed Forces Relief and Benefit Association.

The final applicant University officials are considering for registrar

is Anne McLane, who currently serves as director of admissions at the University of Texas at Dallas.

She also has served as assistant registrar at the University of Texas Medical Branch, registrar at Texas Chiropractic College, and field registrar for Big Bend Community College in Berlin, Germany.

Dr. Dale Lunsford, vice president for student affairs and external relations, said a committee, who could choose one of the four candidates or none of them, makes the selection of the new registrar.

He said if the committee does not choose one of the applicants, officials could start the application process over again or reorganize enrollment management and "live without a registrar for a while."

He also said he is anxious to get the position filled.

"Candice Garner has pulled double duty. Before this academic year is over we need to decide what to do next," Lunsford said.

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